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**VIRGINIA CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL REHABILITATION  
TO HOLD RIBBON CUTTING, OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW FACILITY**

**RICHMOND** – On February 26, 2008, the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation (VCBR) will hold a ribbon cutting and open house for its new facility in Burkeville, Virginia. Media is invited to attend the event at the new facility on:

**Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 2 p.m.**  
Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation  
4901 East Patrick Henry Highway  
Burkeville, Virginia 23922

**PROGRAM:** Speakers for the event will include Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Commissioner James Reinhard, M.D., and VCBR Facility Director C.C. Murphy. Following the program, media will have the opportunity to tour the new facility. It is the policy of this secure facility that no photographs be taken of the internal structure or external grounds. Digital photos of the facility will be provided via email upon request.

**FACILITY INFORMATION:** VCBR is a secure facility dedicated to the treatment of civilly-committed sexually violent predators. Individuals committed to VCBR would otherwise be released into society upon completion of their prison sentences without specialized treatment to reduce their inclination to re-offend sexually. The program's comprehensive psycho-social treatment program works to reduce the re-offense risk of residents to the lowest possible level as part of Virginia's continuing commitment to protecting vulnerable citizens against sexual predators.

VCBR is currently located in a temporary facility in Petersburg, Virginia. Developed by Gilbane Development Company, designed by Davis-Carter-Scott from McLean, and built by Kenbridge Construction from Kenbridge, Virginia, the new permanent facility is located on a 28-acre site in Burkeville.

Construction is being completed in two stages. Phase one, consisting of the first 100 beds, was completed in February 2008. The 61 residents from the temporary facility are expected to be transferred to the new facility around March 1, 2008. Construction of phase two, consisting of the final 200 beds, is currently ahead of schedule with an anticipated completion date by September 1, 2008. Once completed, the \$62 million facility will contain 300 beds and employ 350 employees.

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**HISTORY:** VCBR was created by the Virginia General Assembly in 1999 with the passage of the Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators Act. The Act allows for the civil commitment of incarcerated sex offenders who are at high risk for re-offending. The Act identifies a detailed process for civil commitment, including determining specific qualifying offenses, conducting a risk measurement, evaluating by a specially trained psychologist or psychiatrist to determine a mental abnormality or personality disorder, reviewing by the Office of the Attorney General and a committee of persons experienced in working with sex offenders and, holding a court hearing and a trial. Individuals are committed to VCBR to receive intensive treatment to reduce the re-offense risk. Upon sufficient reduction of risk through treatment, residents can be conditionally released to society and with proper supervision, function safely within their communities.

More information about VCBR can be found here: <http://www.vcbr.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov/>

Media planning to attend the open house should contact Meghan McGuire at [meghan.mcguire@co.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov](mailto:meghan.mcguire@co.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov), (804) 786-9048 (office) or (804) 241-6876 (cell).

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